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Respectfully,

R. T. SMITH

SPLENDID CITIZENS BAILEY ANNOUNCES BOARD MEMBERS HE IS CANDIDATE

Property Owners Who Have In Speech at Gainesville He Re-enters Political Arena and Proclaims His Principles

One of the most important and far reaching official acts of Mayor Frank J. Ford was performed when he appointed Messrs. B. R. Floyd, Thos. L. Ball and A. J. Ogles, wide-awake and enthusiastic town builders, to sit as a board of equalization for the city of Decatur. Mayor Ford demonstrates by his work that he stands for a "bigger and better Decatur" in selecting these men to properly appraise the property valuation in Decatur, and the public-spirited citizens of the town can now rest assured that the improvements so badly needed will be furnished by the work of this board. For years it has been the custom of many citizens of Decatur to render their property to the city tax assessor for amounts that are not in keeping with the ruling prices, and as a result the income to the city has been so little that the streets and side-walk crossings in the town have been neglected shamefully. As a result of a just equalization of valuations Decatur will move forward in the line of progress. The streets will receive attention at the hands of the street building committee, side-walks will be constructed, and the public school equipments will be bettered. A ward school building will be erected; better pay for the instructors in the schools will result. Probably there will be a few of the property owners who will object to the increase the board will put on their property valuation, but the number of objectors will be so few that the work of Messrs. Floyd, Ball and Ogles will be light. It is the duty of every good and patriotic citizen in Decatur to stand behind the board in its work to upbuild the town. At present the tax renditions amount to about one million dollars; it should be three million!

NOCONA WELL GOOD FOR 40 BARRELS--MONTAGUE BOOMS

Wichita Falls, Texas, Feb. 19.—"Estimates placed on the amount of oil that has been swabbed from the Nocona well have been extremely conservative," said R. B. Price of Bonita. "I am a driller and have had some experience in swabbing," continued Price. "If I know anything at all about the oil business the Nocona well has made at least forty barrels a day for several days. I don't expect to see the Nocona well drilled in—I believe it will blow itself in most any time after they remove that huge mud and water pressure. There are twelve wells now drilling in Montague county and there will be a lot more started soon. It wouldn't surprise me to see the Wright well drilled in before the Nocona is completed. The line is 3,300 feet. This well is on the Secrest tract. I was a driller on the Wright well until 1,700 feet was reached. We struck a pay sand in this well at 800 feet, the sand being twenty-four feet thick. We had a showing at 300 feet. I believe the 800-foot sand would have made better than 50 barrels of oil a day." The Beaver Valley well, according to Price, is down 2,540 feet, but has a crooked hole.

Price stated that most of the acreage in Montague county is owned at the present time by the "little operators." He predicts that the field will be one of the biggest ever discovered in Texas. It has been known for several months that pay oil sand has been found in the shallow depth of Montague county.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Kidd went to Dallas this week to attend the Inter-church world movement meeting there.

Urging that "it is quite important to elect a legislature of the right kind as it is to elect a governor of the right kind," former Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey of Gainesville, made his formal announcement as a candidate for governor in a statement there Wednesday.

The streets of Gainesville were fairly well filled at noon, incoming automobiles and buggies bringing many farmers. The speaking was in the Kell & Son warehouse.

He discussed briefly his belief that "the expenses of our state government can be reduced 50 per cent and I am certain that they can be reduced 33 1-3 per cent," but dismissed state politics with the declaration that the "first matter before us is, of course, the election of delegates to the national convention and until that is disposed of I shall address myself to questions of national importance." But, he added, "that immediately after the present conventions are held on the first Saturday in May I shall take up questions of state policy and lay before the people of Texas my views on them."

Bailey's statement that he will make the race follows a declaration that he had hoped "those who believe in the fundamental principles of the democratic party could unite in supporting thee candidacy of some other citizen for governorship of Texas but friends in whose judgment I have the utmost confidence insist that the only way to avoid a division over candidate among the men who cherish our principles is for me to make the race.

"I still believe they are mistaken," continues the statement, "but I do not feel at liberty to oppose my single judgment against the practically unanimous judgment of men who are as much interested as I am in reviving the real principles of the democratic party. I have, therefore, consented to become a candidate for governor of Texas."

PETER WELL EXPECTED TO BE DENISON'S FIRST OIL PRODUCER

Denison, Texas, Feb. 19.—Oil in commercial quantities is predicted at the Peter Oil and Gas Company No. 1 test, one mile southeast of the city limits of Denison. Drilling on this well was begun six months ago and nothing but hard formations have been found, which have caused troubles and delays, but the work was continued and it is now believed that this well is sure to be the first of seventeen drilling wells in this district to come in. Reliable oil operators here say that the showing found when the bit struck the oil sand today indicates a producer. Casing is being set for a test, which will be had possibly within three days.

This company is headed by E. E. Peter of Chicago, who recently constructed another derrick and has a string of stools on the ground for a third well to start soon. There are many oil men in Denison, also prominent geologists, who say the sand encountered in the Peter well is good for a commercial producer. Many guesses were made regarding the outcome of the well and Eddie Denoyer, an oil man of Dallas, guessed it would be over a hundred barrels a day.

Denoyer is interested in the Rosa Oil Company, that will drill 4 miles east of the Peter well. The outcome of this well will be watched with interest in the Grayson county fields, where much wild-cattling is under way.

Speed Taylor has purchased the Summit Garage from Henry Askey on North Trinity street.

The Cotton Farmer's Cow

The farmer who grows so much cotton that he has no room for a cow is neglecting a chance to make some easy money.

If he would follow the advice of the American Cotton Association, if he would plant fewer acres of cotton, use carefully selected seed and fertilize highly,—

He would increase his production of lint cotton per acre, thereby maintaining the standard of supplies, but reducing the net cost per pound;

He would have left acreage on his farm to keep cows, to raise hogs, to grow fruits and vegetables and grains.

These would feed his family and give him enough extra cash so that he could store his cotton in the system of warehouses advocated by the American Cotton Association and get for it a fair and equitable price.

The Cotton Farmer's Cow is the title of one article of the American Cotton Association now appearing in The Country Gentleman. (Five cents a copy from any newstand; \$1.00 a year by mail—fifty-two issues, if you send to The Country Gentleman, Philadelphia, Penna.) Many sections of the South are finding freedom from the all-cotton system, with its poverty and privations, by keeping cows whose milk is made into cheese. These farmers bank their cotton money as pure velvet.

This bank, first, last and all the time, is for the American Cotton Association's program of better cotton, higher prices, diversified crops—and more money for all.

First Nat'l Bank

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AIRPLANE COMPANY WANTS A LANDING SITE IN DECATUR

Messrs. Neal and Shepherd of the Inter-state Airplane Company of Dallas, were here Wednesday with a view of establishing a landing station at Decatur. This company is establishing a commercial line from Shreveport, La. to Wichita Falls, by way of Dallas and Fort Worth, and the gentlemen stated that Decatur was just the right distance from Fort Worth for a landing station. The station will require about 31 acres of ground and will be prepared according to government specifications, as the government will also use the landing field in the lines it is to establish soon. These gentlemen will return to Decatur next week to take up the matter with the Y. M. B. L. and arrange for the station.

The company has already placed an order for a large fourteen passenger ship which will be delivered some time in March and the company plans to start active operation of the line by the first of April. The big ship has a speed of 118 miles an hour and Mr. Neal says that the schedule will be based on about 85 miles an hour to allow for head winds. Mr. Neal presented figures based on companies now operating in Europe showing the cost per mile for operating the ship. The cost of transportation by airplane on this line will be 12 cents per mile.

COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

Practice for the 1920 baseball season opened Tuesday afternoon with much interest. Between thirty and forty boys were out to try for positions on the team. The bright, warm weather seems to be having its effects on all baseball fans, and morn- noon and night the baseball diamond is covered with players who intend to develop for the college one of the best teams in its history. There are only three of last year's men back, but the outlook is not at all bad, for the college has some of the best baseball material it has ever had. A schedule of twelve games has been matched with the junior colleges in the same athletic district as Decatur. These games will be announced sometime within the next week. No captain has yet been selected, for the team has hardly had time to organize. Games are under progress of being matched with colleges other than those in the regular schedule. It is sincerely hoped by all the students that the Philo-Atheneum grandstand will be erected on the athletic field by the middle of the season.

For the first time in the history of the institution Decatur college has organized a track team with Hallman Kelley as manager and F. L. Kuykendall as captain. Full equipment has been ordered and some of the material has already been received. Suits also have been ordered, and very soon a team is expected to be developed that will be the equal of any team of any junior college. No inter-collegiate meet has been arranged as yet, and probably will not be until the strength of the team is proven.

The annual tennis tournament will be held on the college tennis courts Saturday, Feb. 21. There are five classes open: boys' singles; boy doubles; girls' singles; girls' doubles; and mixed doubles, in which both boys and girls participate. The event promises to be of much interest to all, especially with reference to the boys' doubles, in which class strong teams have been matched with one another. Everyone who can play tennis is invited to take part in this tournament. The winners are given pictures in the annual.

The Ero-Palladians will give their annual play in the college chapel on Monday night. The play, a comedy in three acts, is "No Trespassing" and promises to be very entertaining. It is forecast to be as good as the one last year, and that in itself sufficient advertisement. An admission of twenty-five cents will be charged, the resulting proceeds to go to the improvement of the campus.

Miss Nellie Bly Smith has been seriously ill at the dormitory during the past week. She is reported better during the latter part of the week. Miss Watson is still at Arlington recovering from the effects of the flu. It is sincerely hoped that both these members of the faculty will soon be fully restored to their health.

The girls of Neel hall entertained the dormitory boys last Saturday night with a Valentine party in the basement of the girls' dormitory. Progressive games were played. The feature of the entertainment was the mock wedding of Miss Ada Brock to Mr. William Palm. The girls are very grateful to Jarrell Gose for the assistance given in helping to make the evening a success by his violin selections. Between fifty and sixty were present and all report a very pleasant occasion. This party came in return for the one given to the girls by the boys last Halloween.

Horace Barker and Wayne Ren-

shaw spent Saturday and Sunday in Rhome.

Thursday night the seniors gave a class reception in the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Payne. About thirty-five people were present and one of the most enjoyable occasions given the senior class this year.

Ernest McPherson and Presley Hand spent Saturday in Bowie.

SPRING MILLINERY

My spring stock of millinery is complete with all the pretty new things in ladies' and children's headgear. Will be pleased to show you our line. Yours to please and to serve,

MRS. D. F. DAVIS,

In Donald & Greer Store.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Baptist Women's Missionary society met in their separate circles Monday afternoon with a good number at each meeting. Since the weather is fair and not so much sickness among our people, our work has taken on new interest and the women are entering with enthusiasm in the plan of work as suggested by our leaders.

We had our first lesson in the mission study book, "The Call of the South," by Dr. Masters, on Monday of last week, at the close of our regular business meeting at the church, and will have another lesson next Monday p. m., following our missionary program which will be at the church. The pastor will teach the lessons, and every Baptist woman is urged to come and join the class. This is a very interesting book and one which every southern Baptist should read.

On Friday evening of last week, a number of our women, together with the pastor, went to the home of our former president of the missionary society, Mrs. D. Y. Lunn, and presented her with a cut glass vase as a token of their appreciation of her as their efficient leader, during the past three years. Of course, we were graciously received and Mrs. Lunn showed her appreciation in such a pleasing manner that we were all happy to be there. Many good wishes were tendered her.

On Wednesday p. m. of this week, we went to the home of our new president of the society, Mrs. Herbert Burns, and gave her and her family a good "pounding." This good woman expressed her thanks so gratefully, (and yet so tearfully,) that some of us wished we had pounded her even harder.

In these two instances we were made to feel that it is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive." Supt. Publicity.

BE PREPARED

In these days of "things not sure." Seek the Lord as to your future and the photographer for a photo to leave your friends. As you all know, your life is uncertain and your death sure. Take the first airplane for BUNNELL'S STUDIO, Decatur. (08)

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Messenger Feb. 23, 1900.

Miss Lucile Halsell has been quite ill for the past week.

J. M. Hill is on the sick list. He is not dead but is "spachless."

Miss Bessie Shaw accompanied Nelle Dale to her home in Bowie.

Mrs. J. P. Hayter is visiting in Sunset.

Died at his home in Decatur, at 10 o'clock p. m., Feb. 19, from the effects of an accident received Tuesday Feb. 15, Merodeth Marmaduke Bruce, aged 30 years, 7 months 12 days.

Honor roll Decatur Baptist College: Messrs. Crow, Lively, Carswell, M. Sewell, Gentry, Thompson, Gettys, Wallace, Bond, Shipman, M. Smith, St. Clair, Hunt, J. Vance, T. Vance, E. Clark, G. Clark, J. Lair, C. Farrington; Misses McKillop, Hickox, Blewett, Caruthers, Jones, Dyer, Milligan, Blake, Pearl Ward, Bailey, Clark, Hogg, Christal, Renshaw, Gunn, Patterson.

Stuart Miller is on the sick list.

The following citizens have contributed to the fund to build a pavilion at the reunion grounds: S. P. Smith, W. T. Simmons, J. D. Allgood, C. H. Smith, J. D. Hamilton, G. G. Neilson, Lillard & Lane, A. D. Rogers, Cates & More, Sam Parks, Frank J. Ford, E. G. Sellars, John E. Boyd, S. G. Tankersley, J. W. Moore, J. W. Patterson, H. H. Halsell.

"The Right to Happiness" is one of the greatest pictures of the past year. You will miss a treat if you fail to see it next Thursday.

MEMBERS OF PRO-NENT FAMILIES HAPPILY WEDDED

Miss Nellie Nichols and Mr. Jim Walker were married Saturday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Nichols, west of Decatur. The bride is a charming young lady, who is highly respected by all who know her, and the groom is a hard-working and honorable young man, the son of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Walker. Messenger extends congratulations to the happy young people and wishes for them a long and happily married life.

STEWARDS GATHER AT PARSONAGE AND CELEBRATE 12TH

These Decatur Methodists are a genuine set. They are hard to satisfy. Last Thursday, Feb. 12, some of these stewards found out that it was my birthday, and the banks all closed, and the postoffice shut its windows, and other places of business where my members and church officials work, closed up, and I really felt proud of the consideration. I think any man would. But those stewards of mine were not satisfied with that, so they got together and planned an event which occurred at the parsonage that night. In the distinctly majestic feeling I had assumed and enjoyed all day over the town closing up on my birthday, a thing which had never been done before, I was "musing while the fire burned in my peaceful home when in came a couple of ladies—to visit my wife—and just went on as ladies usually do, and I went on congratulating myself over the day's events. All at once, a knock at the door. I answered the alarm, and behold—my stewards in a body, headed by Presiding Elder Shawver. In they came and took seats to stay a while.

I didn't blame them for calling on a man on whose birthday the town shut up, so, I was acting dignified just to grace the occasion, and I discovered that they had made known their mission beforehand to my wife, and she joined in with them and got those ladies to help her, and they became particeps criminis; right in the midst of the affair, here they came with "refreshments." Where did they get it? When did she prepare it? But, here it is. So, we ate, and talked. I still kept my dignity. Up got Shawver and began to make a speech. Among other things he said: "Preacher, we had hoped that when you came here that you would be permitted to remain with us at least to the end of the year, but your brethren here, have decided that you ought to go, and go at once, so they have authorized me to hand you this handsome traveling bag, and tell you to pack up and go." And down he sat and left me with the bag to hold. Then that whole bunch roared, women and all, and I lost my dignity.

There was only one thing I could do, and that was to flatly refuse to obey orders, even though they came from the board of stewards, sanctioned and executed by the presiding elder.

The occasion at once resolved itself into a mutual admiration society; and then into a religious occasion, and then all left their friendliest wishes and passed out. By morning I became somewhat normal and the events of the day had gone but I still have the hand-bag. A. A. KIDD.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader—Miss Jewell Moore.

Song.

Song.

Prayer—Arthur A. Kidd.

Christian Principles in Industry.

Micha 6:8; Matt. 7:12—Leader.

Prayer—Mr. Gose.

Violin Solo—Jarrell Gose.

Our Need of God in Every-Day Life—Doris Faith.

Announcements.

Benediction.

Everyone is cordially invited to be present next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock sharp.

ANOTHER SUSPENDED SENTENCE

The recent verdict of the jury who passed sentence on Bolger at Decatur for the murder of Hugh D. Spencer ought to make the Goddess of Justice hang her head in shame. If there was justice in giving him five years suspended sentence for shooting a man down like a dog then our idea of justice is distorted.

Instead of going to Spencer like a man and finding out if he was the man who wrote the letter to his wife Bolger took the coward's course and slipped up and killed him without a word of warning. For this noble deed he was given the same thing as liberty. Five years suspended sentence. Think of it. An innocent man's life worth only five years and a suspended sentence at that. Of course, had he been given five years time in the penitentiary, Governor Hobby would no doubt have granted him a pardon. —Vernon Times.

INTER-CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

Sounding the keynote of the great nation-wide survey of the Interchurch World Movement now being made in the United States, Hawaii, Alaska and the West Indies, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer of New York, on his arrival at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, gave a brief outline of the survey work. He said: "Intensive study of the great problems which face America in a political and economic as well as a religious sense, is being carried on in this survey, which is covering America. Particular attention is being given to the million Spanish-speaking people of the southwest and the Indians of the country as an increasing and not a vanishing race. All phases of city and country work are being covered, as well as town and country life. It embraces a study of the migrant workers, a great army of 1,500,000 men and women; and a study of the negroes; of the mountain people; of Orientals in America and their special relation to the international problems.

"We desire to find a means of making the Mexican border like the Canadian border, a country of progress, peace, happiness and productiveness. In dealing with the religious situation the interchurch world movement must ask what are the religious needs of the whole country, and what is the Methodist situation?" or "what is the Presbyterian situation?" but what are the needs of the whole country and its people, irrespective of belief or communion."

Mr. Diffendorfer explained that the interchurch movement has set up state organizations directed by a state supervisor in practically every state of the union and that county organizations are making surveys in 2,968 counties of the United States. He said that a map was also being made of each county, which would show all the religious circuit lines and parish boundaries! in fact, all data which would picture conditions in that county at a single glance.

"From these maps," Dr. Diffendorfer said, "we are able to locate the normal demands of every county and are able to see for the first time the unevangelized territory of each county. Furthermore, we are able to discover parish overlapping. County survey councils are set up and they consider the problems as revealed by the county surveys. In this manner the county councils shape their own progress to meet their own needs."

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday was a great day for Decatur Methodism. Our fine "Good Cheer" Sunday school has steadily grown and Sunday we had 267 in attendance. It looked as if every one staid for church and others came, and they filled that auditorium just about to its limit. Our splendid choir gave us some fine service in song, and after the preaching we installed a class of young ladies as officers of the Young Woman's Missionary Society, which is an auxiliary to the regular W. M. S. Thus our work grows. These christian girls will do a great work in mission study and training for efficient service in larger fields to which they will soon be called. Our called meeting of the official men and women of the church at 3 p. m. Sunday was a success. It was a great help in many ways looking to our revival which has been organizing and developing for some time. Our people are praying for and believing in the coming to our town of a mighty revival.

At night, in spite of the high cold wind, our people came to church. Our church can boast of the finest company of cultured christian young people to be found. Their number is constantly increasing and they never forget that they are ladies and gentlemen, and are in the house of God.

Next Sunday, Bishop Ainesworth will preach at 11 a. m., and at the close of his sermon will dedicate our house of worship. Rev. A. R. Nash will preach at night. The public is invited. A. A. KIDD, Pastor.

NEGRO JANITOR PAID MORE THAN TEACHERS

Ballinger, Texas, Feb. 19.—When it was made public here that the negro janitor of the schools of this city were drawing a higher salary than a majority of the teachers, the citizens became aroused and promptly put up a sufficient amount to pay the teachers an increase in salary of 25 per cent. More than \$3,000 was raised by voluntary subscription. Only one woman teacher in the school has been drawing as high salary as the negro janitor.

HEMSTITCHING

We do artistic hemstitching and peccotting, also make a specialty of work on georgette crepe and all silks. Mail orders given prompt attention. All work guaranteed. MRS. E. E. MELTON, Decatur, Texas.

Carrying a Ton a Mile for less than a Cent

Freight rates have played a very small part in the rising cost of living.

Other causes—the waste of war, under-production, credit inflation—have added dollars to the cost of the necessities of life, while freight charges have added only cents.

The average charge for hauling a ton of freight a mile is less than a cent.

A suit of clothing that sold for \$30 before the war was carried 2,265 miles by rail from Chicago to Los Angeles for 16½ cents.

Now the freight charge is 22 cents and the suit sells for \$50.

The cost of the suit has increased 20 dollars.

The freight on it has increased only 5½ cents.

Other transportation charges enter into the cost of the finished article—carrying the wool to the mills and the cloth to the tailors—but these other charges amount to but a few cents more.

The \$10 pair of shoes that used to sell for \$5 goes from the New England factory to the Florida dealer for a freight charge of 5¾ cents—only one cent more than the pre-war rate.

Beef pays only two-thirds of a cent a pound freight from Chicago to New York.

American freight rates are the lowest in the world.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

BANK CLERK'S CHICKENS ARE SLANDERED IN BIG CONTEST

On the first day of this month a Messenger editor and Buck Collins of the First National bank entered their flocks of egg laying chickens in a contest. The editor owns what he thinks is the best laying strain of chickens, white leghorns, while the bank clerk claims his black minores are superior. All well and good; the contest has been raging since the first of the month, with honors (eggs) slightly in favor of the black chickens, the whites were shortening the distance materially, as they were "coming alive" and rapidly knocking out the lead gained by the minores during the first few days of the month—but, the show is off now. We had all the confidence in the world in the white leghorns, and we know they are, chicken for chicken, superior as egg-producers to the blacks, but, when the minores begin "double dealing" our perfectly good biddies by laying two eggs at one laying, we are ready to quit and throw up the sponge. Tuesday an egg was exhibited at the bank which Buck Collins, backed by Teller Nob Moore, stated one of his hens laid that day, and the egg was about the size of an over-grown ostrich product and, believe us, there was another well-formed egg in the large egg. No lady-like hen would lay such an egg, and we object to having our well-behaved leghorns contesting with such unreasonable chickens.

Later and Authentic.—The monstrosity responsible for this valuable space being taken up, was not found in any nest in the hen-house of Mr. B. Collins. He and that fellow, Nob A. Moore, teller of the First National, and also teller of other things, are, to be charitable, fibers. The egg came from the Red Ace farm, owned and managed by our friend Nelson English, gentleman, scholar and expert propagator of monstrosities in poultrydom.

It's a good thing for senators that they are not paid by piece work. Lenin may not have known that civilization was so widespread that he set out to destroy it. That employ of the Denver who buried bars of gold in his hit upon a unique garden pay. See Charlie Chaplin at the next Wednesday night.

COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE

Terrible Suffering, Sideache, Nausea, Headache, Says

Gonzales, Tex.—"I am a woman of this place, writes: 'Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left side. It was right under my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left shoulder and on down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days. I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone. Was not able to go anywhere and had to let my house work go. I suffered awful with a pain in my back and had the headache all the time. I was unable to do a thing. My stomach was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me. One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. After reading its testimonials I decided to try Cardui, and am so thankful that I did, for I began to improve when on the second bottle. I am now a well woman and feeling fine and the cure has been permanent for it has been two years since my awful bad health. I will always praise and recommend Cardui.' Try Cardui today."

WILL is a question of which hat to take.

MRS. E. B. MELTON
Decatur - Texas.

Why Experiment?
Buy a **Gage** HAT
LOOK FOR THE GAGE LABEL

VALENTINE PARTY AT D. B. C.

Last Saturday, February 14, it was announced by Tiss Tula Jones that there would be a Valentine party, in which every male collegeiate of D. B. C. was invited, provided he were a non-resident student. After a time was read from her, which was a real announcement itself, she was loudly applauded by everyone in the room.

At eight o'clock, the doors of the ball hall flung open. The boys all made way for his best, going from the upstairs to the reception room, where each couple was met with a glass of delicious punch which was served by two of the Neel hall beauties, Misses Marion Plaxco, who did the serving as assisted to her by Jewel Andrews. The couple would naturally observe the artistic decorations here. The light gave a sense of beauty to the sparkling vintage which was luxuriously drunk with white crepe paper, every individual present. The hall was attractively decorated with crepe paper which had small lights thereon. Penants were an added touch to the college spirit; every hand and fern seemed to bring revivification to the ones present. The music of the Edison which was neatly arranged, gave life to the merry-makers. Everything seemed to maintain its proper strength in beauty as well as position.

After twenty minutes had gone by, Bernice Neel, hostess for the evening, summoned the silence; she started spinning of the bottle; after a short time in participating in this game, Miss Emily Jo Pipkin, accompanied by Mr. Jarrel Gose with the band, gave appropriate selections. The first number was a selection from "L'Amour" from Franz Drda. This number, which was played, after which the band was inspiringly played.

At this time, the evening of enjoyment was climbing. Tally cards were being kept by Redford and announced to draw the winning character. This character drawing was to be done by the artist was to receive attention was called. Mr. Crouch was decided as the prize winner. He was presented a medium box, beautifully wrapped, the contents were some "sweetnesses."

Next in pursuit of a well-filled program was the playing of the party game, forty-two. Bunko was also played, together with army. This game, there was the serving of brick ice-cream, with a red heart upon each brick. Sweets and nabiscos were also served.

The climax of the evening was a marriage ceremony. This mock-wedding was for Mr. William Palm as the groom and Miss Ada Brock as the bride. Mr. Bert Crouch officiated with a rather humorous and an appropriate ceremony. A GUEST.

Mrs. Beulah Heitly of Dallas, is the guest of her father, M. L. Rogers.

Ira Washburn of the Greenwood country, was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday. He reports farmers in his section busy planting spring crops, and says the acreage of oats will be increased in that locality owing to the fact that little wheat could be planted last fall. He says the cotton acreage will probably be considerably increased.

Mrs. W. J. Wilson died at her home in Ringgold last Friday, Feb. 6 and was buried in Chico cemetery Saturday. Mrs. Wilson was the daughter of Mrs. E. R. McBride and formerly lived in Chico. The funeral was held from the Methodist church, Rev. F. Achor, the pastor, and Rev. M. W. Achor of Greenville, conducting

SECRETARY OF STATE LANSING RESIGNS

PRESIDENT CHARGES HE USURPED POWERS DURING HIS RECENT ILLNESS.

Washington.—Robert Lansing ended his career as secretary of state Friday, after President Wilson had accused him of usurping the powers of the president by calling meetings of the cabinet during Mr. Wilson's illness.

Mr. Lansing denied he had sought or intended to usurp the presidential authority. He added, however, that he believed then and still believes that the cabinet conferences were "for the best interests of the republic;" that they "were proper and necessary" because of the president's condition, and that he would have been derelict in his duty if he had failed to act as he did.

As the record stands, Mr. Lansing tendered his resignation and Mr. Wilson accepted it.

Mr. Lansing informed the president he had called the cabinet conferences because he and others of the president's official family "felt that, in view of the fact that we were denied communication with you, it was wise for us to confer informally together on * * * matters as to which action could not be postponed until your medical advisers permitted you to pass upon them."

The secretary concluded by saying that if the president believed he had failed in his "loyalty" to him and if Mr. Wilson no longer had confidence in him he was ready to "relieve you of any embarrassment by placing my resignation in your hands."

The president replied that he was "much disappointed" by Mr. Lansing's letter regarding "the so-called cabinet meetings." He said he found nothing in the secretary's letter "which justifies your assumption of presidential authority in such a matter," and added that he "must frankly take advantage of your kind suggestion" to resign.

But the differences between the president and Mr. Lansing long predated the first cabinet call by Mr. Lansing which was issued last Oct. 5. They began at the peace conference in Paris, and had continued since that time—one of the chief differences being over the government's attitude toward Mexico.

Mr. Lansing says that had he followed his personal inclination he would have resigned while in Paris, but that he had refrained because he felt it his duty to "cause you no embarrassment in carrying forward the great task in which you were then engaged."

FRISCO RAIL SYSTEM HEADED BY J. M. KURN

As Manager of These Lines Under Government Control Showed a Profit.

St. Louis, Mo.—Announcement is made that James M. Kurn was elected president of all the Frisco lines at a meeting of the directors held in New York Feb. 11.

Mr. Kurn now is general manager under the federal administration and has made an excellent record in handling the properties of the Frisco.

It is claimed the the Frisco leads all large southwestern systems in economical operation, being one of the few lines earning more than the federal guarantee and yielding the government a profit.

Mr. Kurn is an optimist, fully appreciating the wonderful possibilities of the southwest and Texas, in particular. His policy for the Frisco will be aggressive. He is an experienced operating man and executive, fully appreciating the necessity of close cooperation between business and transportation interests.

WAR DEBTS POOLING STRONGLY ADVOCATED

United States Should Take Initiative California Banker Declares.

Mexico City.—Consolidation of the war debts of all nations involved in the world conflict, as well as outstanding trade balances, which would provide international obligations guaranteed by all powers involved, was advocated by John J. Arnold of San Francisco, speaking before the United States-Mexican trade conference here Mr. Arnold, who is a representative of the American Bankers' association urged that an international clearing house be established as an adjunct to his plan.

"I have reason to believe if the United States should take the first step, England would follow, after which other nations would fall in line. Each nation under this proposed system would assume an individual share of the debt under a taxing system which would be supervised by an international commission."

Kansas Bank Is Robbed

Topeka, Kan.—Four bandits entered the Blaine State Bank at Blaine, Pottawatomie county, and took between \$40,000 and \$45,000 in Liberty bonds and \$2,000 in cash.

Canada Insists on Full Membership

Ottawa.—Canada has given Great Britain notice that it objects to any change in the covenant of the league of nations which will prevent the admission from being a full-fledged member.

During our dealers' convention which will be held in Fort Worth, February 8th, 1920, all unallotted Texas territory will be assigned to dealers.

The TEXAN

TEXANS Now in Service Are Delivering the Goods

The TEXAN is not an experiment. It is a recognized leader among the medium-priced, four-cylinder cars.

The TEXAN engineers, seeing the growing demand for such a car began the most exhaustive tests which have since resulted in the success of the TEXAN.

By buying absolutely proven standard parts, in open market—as practically all northern and eastern manufacturers do, shipping them direct to Fort Worth in economical knocked-down form, assembling them under trained and expert engineers, it is possible to produce a car in our own market of unusual value and at quite a saving.

The Texas Motor Car Association was organized in 1917 and began production in the latter part of 1918. Despite the war-time scarcity of materials and labor, 705 cars were turned out before December 31, 1919. The factory plans to build between 3,200 and 4,000 automobiles during 1920.

All of these cars could be disposed of on the foreign markets, but the company prefers to sell them at home.

The TEXAN is a Southern product, and is built to meet the general and specific requirements of Southern roads.

The TEXAN looks good and is good. It is priced right.

The TEXAN offers the most interesting sales proposition ever presented to Texas dealers. There are only a few counties in Texas for which the agency has not been let.

THIS COUNTY IS OPEN

We desire to get in communication with some LIVE dealer at once.

Write or wire

TEXAS MOTOR CAR ASSOCIATION
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Local News

See Chas. Chaplin at Majestic Wednesday night.

Mrs. E. T. Kemp is improving.

B. R. Floyd was in Wichita Falls on business this week.

Order your tailored suits for Easter at the Mississippi Store.

C. C. Meek was here Wednesday from Fort Worth.

A car load of Buick cars just received at the Meridian Garage.

W. V. Cunningham was in Grapevine Sunday.

Eli Roberts has returned from a stay in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery.

Richard Goode was here Monday from Bridgeport.

Miss Dollie Boyd has accepted a position as saleslady at Rieger Bros.

Paul Scott and S. M. Gose, Jr., were up from S. M. U. Sunday.

Albert Alland and wife spent several days with relatives in Canton.

Dave Moore of Randlett, Okla., visited the family of his brother, Ab.

F. L. Stringer is here from Wichita Falls.

Miss Rena Moore of Bridgeport, visited homefolks Sunday.

Miss Velma Carpenter was here Saturday and Sunday from Rhame.

Mrs. W. L. Rush has returned from a visit to her son in Dallas.

Mrs. G. W. Tyson is recovering from a very serious illness.

Capt. Sam Bellah attended the Bailey speaking in Gainesville Wednesday.

The famous Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery department.

You know what a Buick car is. Henry Askey has just received a car load of Buicks.

Julian E. Ward and family of Wichita Falls, were Decatur.

Mrs. Hugh Greer has returned from a visit to relatives in Dallas and Denton.

Don't put off ordering that Easter suit; do it now; from the Mississippi Store's tailoring department.

Mrs. Harrison, living in Newark, mother of Dr. L. H. Reeves of this city, is seriously ill with the flu.

The famous Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery department.

Emory Gose and family of Fort Worth, have been visiting the family of J. G. Gose.

Mrs. W. O. Bailley and Miss Julia Bellah spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

The famous Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery department.

250 samples to select from, all-wool spring suits, \$43.50 one price. Willenberg & Hardwick, Tailors.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jennings of Breckenridge, visited relatives here this week.

Are You Equipped to Win Success?

Here is your opportunity to insure against embarrassing errors in spelling, pronunciation and poor choice of words. Know the meaning of puzzling war terms. Increase your efficiency, which results in power and success.

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DICTIONARY is an all-knowing teacher, a universal question answerer, made to meet your needs. It is in daily use by hundreds of thousands of successful men and women the world over. 400,000 Words. 2700 Pages. 6000 Illustrations. 12,000 Biographical Entries. 30,000 Geographical Subjects.

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REGULAR AND INDIA-PAPER Editions. WRITE for Specimen Pages. FREE Pocket M. put it you name this paper.

G. & C. MERRIAM CO., Springfield, Mass., U. S. A.

MR. SHEEP MAN

This advertisement will interest you and from it you will learn that we now have in stock

NICOTINE DIP

It kills the scab and saves the sheep.

SANDERS & INGRAM
DRUGGISTS

Let us take your order for that new spring suit; priced, \$25.00, \$35, and \$45.00 Rieger Bros.

H. W. Barton on Tuesday morning received word that his brother, J. R. Barton, was dangerously ill of pneumonia at his home in Waxahachie. Mr. Barton at once started for Waxahachie, but his brother died on Tuesday before he could reach that city. J. R. Barton was well known in Decatur, he having for several years been a teacher in the Decatur public schools. He was a splendid gentleman, a man of high ideals and remarkably talented. The news of his untimely death was received with sadness among his many friends here.

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Friday Morning, Feb. 20, 1920.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Senator, 31st District:
GUINN WILLIAMS.

For Representative of 50th District:
J. W. WALKER.

For Tax Assessor:
G. M. D. MATHESON
VICTOR NOBLES
JOE CASEY
LEE CLEMENT.

For District Clerk:
W. V. CUNNINGHAM
LUTHER E. GILES

For Commissioner, Prec. 1 and 6:
M. B. (BRYSON) WILLIAMSON.
T. L. ST. CLAIR

For Public Weigher, Prec. 1:
CLAUD REEVES

For City Marshal:
GEORGE GAGE.
W. B. EVANS.
BUD RICHSTER.

Keep cool, brother.

The political pot is simmering.

Thomason or Bailey—your next governor!

Probably it is a Wilson administration, instead of the old brand

Bailey will "Tom, Dick and Harry" a number of the boys back into the fold.

Now the rumor cometh that our vice president, Mr. Marshall, has serious symptoms.

Sometimes it appears that it is not what you know, but who you know, that "gets you by."

Some "Bailey man" is said to be looking for the place now held by Mr. Johnson of Memphis.

Wholesale meat prices have been tumbling for a considerable time, but so far they have not been reflected proportionately in the retail prices.

While we believe Mr. Wilson made a mistake in discharging his secretary of state, we hold that the price of flour should not be affected by the episode.

Now, come clean with a reasonable rendition of your property. If you don't, the board will see that you perform as a good citizen should.

That \$2,000 property you have been rendering to the tax assessor at \$200! Come on across, old fellow. Messrs. Floyd, Ogle and Ball have your number.

The interurban talk has slowed down some. Probably, the promoters have been scared off the job by the harrassing committee from the Denton chamber of commerce.

Those democrats who followed Jim Ferguson into the American party are going to feel pretty lonesome 'long about the time of the democratic primary. Keep the record straight.

The present property tax valuation in the city of Decatur amounts to about one million dollars. It should be three million. That one-fourth rendition you have been putting over is no more.

They say there is a distinction and a difference between the "chimmie" dance and the "chimese" gallop. However, both are executed in the same nether apparel, they say.

The Messenger claims to be some prophet. Bailey is a candidate for governor. Some weeks ago, this great and good weekly told you the gentleman from Cooke would be in the running.

It is dollars against doughnuts that all the lady voters will not be against Joseph Weldon after they see that lock of hair fall on his forehead and hear him say "My Fellow Country-men."

WHY IS A BOLSHIEVIK?

On last Monday six young fellows from the age of 16 to 25, who had been picked up by our officers during the past two months on charges of theft and burglary, were given suspended sentences in the district court. The boys were released just before noon; they were "broke" and had no jobs; they had no money with which to go to other places where work might be found. They spent the afternoon looking for work, but night found them without jobs and hungry. Here they were in the same condition and facing the same temptation which had caused them to steal and burglarize the first time. A merciful jury and judge had endeavored to help them, and the judge had given them a splendid lecture on bracing up and leading a clean life from thenceforth; yet through the leniency of the law had come a recurrence of the situation which had caused them to be criminals—hungry and no work. What would you have done had you been in the places of these boys Tuesday night?

The lack of a remedy for such situations is what goes far to create bolshevik tendencies among those affected. There is no use bemoaning the cause, of such conditions—they are here and must be met.

During their trials in the district court Monday these boys told stories of wandering over the country looking for work. Some had been employed in the oil fields when they were knocked out of work by the bad weather. While drifting from one place to another, their money gave out and they became hungry. Then came the temptation to steal in order to get something to eat. One boy had been an orphan since infancy, drifting from one community to another, with no schooling and fewer advantages, until at last the temptation came and he fell. Another boy of 19 told of his parents being separated and of his struggle for existence till at last he was thrown out of work in the Colorado country by the big strike. He had heard of the big pay in the Texas oil fields and had bummed his way to this state; but after working awhile, was out of work owing to the bad weather. Without a home to go to, with no money and no job, came the temptation to steal—and he fell. And so the stories ran—each with its deep touch of human interest.

This county is no exception to others in this respect—in fact the whole country is filled with just such instances as these. If this condition is not remedied, can we expect anything less than a spread of bolshevism over the nation. Humanity claims to have a heart. Then why not let it be felt? Our churches claim to have a spirit of charity and social service. Is there not a way to organize against growing unrest and crime wave? If religion means anything, it stands for charity in its broadest term. Not merely giving a cripple a dime—but the broader work of keeping in touch with and aiding the human flotsam and jetsam, the human beings which need material aid. A kindly hand of assistance at the right time will save many a boy from becoming a criminal. We are sorry for the youth after he is detected in crime, yet, if we had been watching, we might have helped him in time to keep him clean.

BONA FIDE SUBSCRIBERS

The United States postoffice department has instructed the postmasters throughout the country to take the proper steps to correct the "custom" of some country weekly publishers of boosting their bona fide circulation with delinquents, who have long since quit paying for the paper, but who are carried on the publication's list as actual subscribers. This is prohibited by the government if the paper would enjoy the rate allowed publications having bona fide subscribers. The fact that Messenger subscribers, every one of them, are bona fide subscribers puts this publication in a class to itself in this section, and as a result a rate not allowed publications enjoying this distinction is given. The ruling of the Washington department makes a distinction between the bona fide and delinquent subscriber, in that the delinquent is not recognized as an asset to the publication—rather a liability, and the newspaper endeavoring to boost its circulation with delinquent subscribers must pay extra for the "privilege of fooling the advertiser." Hear what the postoffice department says: "The right of publishers to extend in good faith credit on subscriptions is recognized and will not be abridged, and although all subscriptions are regarded as expiring with the period for which they are obtained, nevertheless, in order to give an opportunity to secure renewals, copies of their publications will be accepted for mailing as bona fide subscribers at the usual second-class rates of postage for a

Greatest Love Story Ever Told

Is the deserved description of that ambitious photoplay which is doing so much to squelch Bolshevism in America . . .

"The Right to Happiness"

Pretty Dorothy Phillips at Her Best in a Dual Role

"A powerful story, vividly told; keeps one thrilled and uplifted"—Los Angeles Times.

"One of the most human plays of the season"—Boston American.

"Deserves to rank among the masterpieces of the screen world; it has yet to be equaled."—Boston Evening Transcript.

"A big theme, a master hand, a mighty cast and a pleased audience."—Los Angeles Times.

Majestic Thursday, Feb. 26

Afternoon 2 to 6 o'clock; Night 7 to 12 o'clock

This is absolutely the best picture we have ever shown in Decatur. **E. W. BLYTHE, Manager.**

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

LET THERE BE NO DISCORD!

If your Ford car is out of tune, there is undoubtedly a very good reason for it. And the best way to find that reason, and have it remedied, is to jump in and drive to our authorized Service station, where one of our mechanics who is thoroughly acquainted with the Ford mechanism and who knows the Ford way to adjust or repair your car, can tune it up in a garage that is properly equipped to give real Ford service. Then, too we never use imitation parts—only the Genuine Ford-made, strong and durable. They wear from thirty to seventy-five per cent longer than the counterfeit parts that are softer and more cheaply made. In fact it is dangerous to human life to use imitation parts, and it is not fair to your Ford car or your pocket book.

We are a part of the gigantic Ford Service organization whose purpose it is to serve the owners of all Ford cars and trucks; we have more than a passing interest in your car. Prompt service is given on all work—for a minor adjustment to a motor overhaul. Drive in and see the facts for yourself—there's too much money invested in your Ford car to miss connections with the authorized Ford dealers.

DECATUR MOTOR COMPANY

"Ask The Man Who's Been Here"

period of one year from the date of expiration, but copies sent to persons after one year from the date of the expiration of their subscriptions, unless such subscriptions be expressly renewed for a definite time, together with an actual payment of subscription or a bona fide promise of payment, will not be accepted at the pound rate but will be accepted at the transient second-class rate of one cent for each four ounces, or

fraction thereof, prepaid by stamps affixed." Messenger is accorded the pound rate of postage on every subscription carried on its books. Every Messenger subscriber is a bona fide subscriber.

Manager Blythe states that "The Right to Happiness" is absolutely the best picture he has ever shown. See this great film Thursday night.

The Interrupted Cinema

'Twas in a lighthouse by the sea. They almost had the damsel's goat. The hero entered fearlessly And grabbed the villain by the throat. And then the guy in front of me Stood up and doaned his overcoat.

Jewell McDaniel was here the week from Electric

WILL YOU RECOVER The full amount of your loss? YOU WILL NOT

Unless your insurance is written in
accordance with the values of today.

Property values (real and person-
al) have practically doubled during the
past three years.

You should insure according to the
increased values.

HAVE YOU DONE IT?

BOYD & SONS
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
—Office Opposite Postoffice—

CRATS LOOKING TO FORE.

The democratic party is not look-
ing backward, but forward," Thom-
as E. Love, national committeeman,
said in Dallas Tuesday, comment-
ing on the platform principles out-
lined by Vice President Marshall in
his candidacy for delegate at large
from Indiana to the democratic na-
tional convention at San Francisco.
Love said President Marshall's views
are of course, his own, and every-
one is entitled to his opinion. But
he said he adheres to the oldest of
American principles, which is that
the future must not be governed by
the past. It was Jefferson, founder
of the party, who advocated a change
in the constitution every twenty
years. Love said, the people's
opinion should not be gov-
erned by no longer on earth.
Love said he did not go back to the "fa-
ther's life" but to the future. He
declared that he had no
offer on the Wilson-Lan-
gford other than that as the
of state was opposed to the
form of the league of na-
tions had been for some time he
real place in the cabinet and
have been out of it for some
time.

There will be those, however,"
Love said, "who will say that
Wilson has made a mistake. Per-
haps. But Woodrow Wilson
will be 100 years of age and
mistake on every remaining
day of his life, and he would still
be better batting average as a
man than any of his contempo-
raries. The man who says that he
is tired of all Wilson has done
in the present, but that he will
forgive him now because of one pos-
sible mistake is a fool. It is blam-
ing a wounded soldier for an er-
ror committed on return. Mr. Wil-
son is in France. No
one can condemn him."

Gragg and son of Dal-
las returned to Decatur
last week. G. F. Plaxco, who has
been visiting Mrs. Gragg in Dallas.

Warning Power

Is Measured by
Health and Strength
Which Depend Upon
Healthy Nerves.

For many years Dr. Miles' Nervine has been used by
thousands of people with
such excellent results that
it has become known as
The Dependable Medicine

For Nervous Troubles

Miss Beatrice Blair, of Joshua,
Tex., tells how she found relief:
"I suffered for years from
nervous headaches. Doctors
failed to relieve me. I tried
Dr. Miles' Nervine with great
benefit—am never without it."

Why Should You Suffer?

Money back if first bottle
does not satisfy.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS

GAS COMPANY WANTS RAISE

The Y. M. B. L. held its first Feb-
ruary meeting on Thursday of last
week. After a splendid luncheon,
Mayor Frank J. Ford made a talk
on the proposition of a raise in the
gas rate as required by the North
Texas Gas Company. He stated that
Decatur had a 25-year contract with
the North Texas Gas Company to fur-
nish gas to the people of Decatur at
the maximum rate of 50c per thou-
sand feet. Mr. Ford read the letter
from the North Texas Gas Company
in which that company was trying to
prepare Decatur people for a substan-
tial raise in the gas rate. The North
Texas Company enclosed a letter from
the Lone Star Gas Company in which
the latter company had made de-
mands for higher rates from the
North Texas Gas Company. Mayor
Ford explained that the two compan-
ies were owned and controlled by the
same people, but were incorporated
for different purposes—the Lone Star
Company to furnish gas, and the
North Texas Company to deliver same
to its consumers; that the Lone Star
as the parent company, was writ-
ing to its offspring, the North Texas
Company, and the latter concern was
in turn passing the buck to the con-
sumer. The mayor stated that he and
the city council would stand on the
contract the city holds with the
North Texas Company and fight any
attempt at a raise in the rate. Touch-
ing on the plans of the city council
for the coming year, Mayor Ford
stated that the city treasury was
well-nigh depleted at the present
time, and that there would be scarce-
ly any funds left with which to build
sidewalks or repair streets. He said
his plan would be to take the tax
money just paid into the city treas-
ury and pay all outstanding debts
of the city. He said that the \$2200
collected in the general and street
and bridge fund had to be used for
paying the running expenses of the
city. He said the present rendition
was about \$880,000.

Rev. Majors, pastor of the Chris-
tian church, gave some very help-
ful suggestions to the club while tel-
ling "The First Impressions of a New-
comer." He pointed out our need
of well-lighted streets, more side-
walks, better streets and the use of
more paint on the houses of the
town. The speaker's remarks were
well-received by the club.

B. R. Floyd spoke on "Sidewalks."
Mr. Floyd stated that the sidewalk
movement had received much atten-
tion of late, and that the committees
reported the citizens on the north
side of East Main street ready to
build a walk to the depot as soon
as the weather would permit; that
the north side of West Main and
the west side of North Trinity were
also ready to build as soon as the
city council could close up a contract
for the crossings.

A round table discussion on the
good of the town brought out the fact
that the club was unanimous for a
largely increased rendition of prop-
erty values in Decatur. The facts were
brought out that about ten years ago
the city had a taxable valuation of
about \$1,200,000; that since that
time over 100 new homes had been
built and the valuation of property
more than trebled; that at present
time the taxable values were far be-
low a million dollars. Chairman
Dodson appointed a committee to con-
fer with the city council in order to
make known the desires of the club
for an increased rendition of prop-
erty. Later in the week, Rev. Mat-
thews, for this committee, met with
the council as spokesman for the
committee. This action of the club
had the desired effect in that the
council has appointed B. R. Floyd,
T. L. Ball and J. A. Ogle as equaliza-
tion board of the city. These gen-
tlemen are all in favor of a prop-
erty rendition sufficient for the various
improvements needed by the city.

MAN DIES IN SLEEPER AS TRAIN ARRIVES AT DECATUR DEPOT

When the south-bound Denver
passenger train arrived in Decatur
Monday morning the body of Luther
A. Pegg was taken from the
sleeper and carried to the undertak-
ing establishment of Man & Chris-
tian, and the following day, upon
advice from relatives of the dead
man in Jonestown, Miss., the body
was shipped there. Fellow-passen-
gers stated that Mr. Pegg suffered
from severe attacks of asthma, and
shortly before reaching Decatur he
expired. Physicians stated that the
man's heart was bad. Deceased was
a prominent Mason, being a Shriner,
and local Masons, headed by Mayor
Frank J. Ford, looked after the body
and had it shipped to Mississippi.

G. T. ATCHESON.

"The right to Happiness"—coming

The One Who Gets The Most Votes

GETS the Pony, Saddle and
Bridle. Get your friends to
help you.

Votes are given on each and
every article you buy.

If you don't want the Pony,
Saddle and Bridle, I will give
you \$100 (one hundred dol-
lars) in cash for the outfit.
Get busy—Remember that
you can save money by buy-
ing from

FRED FREEMAN
THE FARMER MERCHANT

MR. JOHN RENSHAW MARRIES CHARMING KAUFMAN GIRL.

Miss Elsie Drew of Kaufman, and
Mr. John Renshaw of this city, were
married at the home of the bride's
parents in Kaufman Thursday, Feb.
12. Immediately after the ceremony
the couple returned to Decatur, and
are now at home on the Renshaw
farm east of town. The bride is the
daughter of Editor and Mrs. Byron
Drew of Kaufman, Mr. Drew being
editor of the leading newspaper in
that city. Some time ago Miss Drew
visited friends in this city and while
here she made many friends. She
is charming in manner and pretty,
and comes from one of the best
families in Kaufman county. The
groom, John Renshaw, is one of the
best fellows in the world; he is in-
dustrious, honest and up-right, and
no young man in all the county has
more true friends. He is a member
of one of the old and substantial
families of this county. Messenger
joins the many friends of the happy
young people in wishing them an
abundance of everything to make the
journey of life fringed with roses.

PELLA WELL WILL BE SPUDDED IN TODAY

Messenger is informed that the Pel-
la well will be spudded in today,
(Friday.) The knowing ones are ex-
pecting some sensational "doings"
from this well. It is the nearest test
well in Wise county to the Nocona
well which is now making forty bar-
rels per days, and is expected to blow
itself in at any time a big producer.
Acreage in the Pella country is no
in big demand.

COUNTY ATTORNEY DEPART- MENT SETS NEW RECORD

County Attorney Patterson and
Assistant County Attorney Lobdell
have set a new record in that depart-
ment of the county government. Fif-
teen convictions out of a total of
sixteen cases is reported for the re-
cent term of the district court. This
breaks all previous records in that
department. The fifteen convic-
tions were in as many individual
cases. Messenger congratulates the
prosecuting attorney and his able
assistant for the splendid showing.

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GREENWOOD BOY ENLISTS IN MACHINE GUN BATTERY

Headquarters Company D, 8th M.
G. Bn., Camp Pike, Arkansas, Feb.
9th, 1920.—The Postmaster, Green-
wood, Texas. Dear Sir:—I wish to
inform you that an excellent appear-
ing young man from your city was en-
listed at Camp Pike, Arkansas, this
week, for the Eight Machine Gun
Battalion of the Third Division sta-
tioned at this camp. His name is
Private Fay Quisenberry, Greenwood,
Texas.

The Eighth Machine Gun Battalion
is glad to welcome clean-cut young
men like him to their organization,
and we need to have no fears as to
the future of our nation when our ar-
my is composed of red-blooded Amer-
icans of his calibre.

Upon his arrival in this camp, this
young man was urged to take advan-
tage of the wonderful educational ad-
vantages now offered by the Camp
Pike College, and the result is that
private Fay Quisenberry, is taking up
arithmetic, grammar, geography and
history.

He is very enthusiastic over the
college and is devoting three and one-
half hours a day in the pursuit of
his studies.

Also he will be given a furlough in
the near future in order that he may
visit his home, as it is the purpose of
the army now-a-day to maintain close
relationship between various reg-
iments and the cities that furnish re-
cruits for these organizations.

Yours very truly,
THEO. E. VOIGT,
2nd Lieutenant, 8th M. G. Bn.

Last Friday afternoon the Hale &
Todd well, three miles west of Chico,
commenced drilling, a large number
of Chico citizens being present to wit-
ness the beginning. There are now
about fourteen wells in Wise county
being drilled, and leases are soaring
in price. Oil men say the situation in
Wise county is splendid, and they are
enthusiastic in their belief that pro-
ducing wells will be in operation in

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this territory the coming summer.—
Chico Review.

NEWS FROM DEEP CREEK

Miss Elva Walker visited Miss Ru-
by Lewis at Boyd Sunday.

During the pretty weather, many
farmers at Deep Creek have finished
gathering their cotton crops.

Mr. Warner and Miss Elva Walker
were Decatur visitors Saturday.

Vera Belle Watson was the guest
of Miss Maude North Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Stamps is slightly re-
covered after two weeks of illness
with the flu.

Mrs. E. T. Ford is visiting her
daughter, Mrs. Smith, who is ill with
the influenza.

"The right to Happiness"—coming

Meat Wagon

I am running a meat wagon in Decatur, selling Choice Fresh Beef, Pork and Sausage at Reasonable Prices.

I make North Decatur in the morning. South Decatur in the afternoon on week days. Wait for the Meat Wagon and see what you are buying. I will appreciate your patronage.

TOM LAIRD

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RAILWAY SCHEDULE

North Bound		
Fort Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
*3—7:15 am	9:00 am	11:59 am
*1—10:00 am	11:37 am	2:20 pm
*5—6:00 pm	7:50 pm	10:45 pm
*7—10:25 pm	12:02 am	2:50 am
South Bound		
W. Falls	Decatur	Fort Worth
*8—2:50 am	5:40 am	7:15 am
*6—8:00 am	11:05 am	1:00 pm
*2—2:20 pm	5:07 pm	6:45 pm
*4—6:00 pm	8:55 pm	10:45 pm

Trains No. 7 and 8 run to and from Denver; trains Nos. 1 and 2 run to and from Texline; trains Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 run to and from Wichita Falls.

MAIL SERVICE

North Bound
No. 1 brings regular mail; No. 3 brings closed pouch and Dallas News; No. 7 brings regular mail.

South Bound
No. 2 brings regular mail; No. 8 brings regular mail; No. 5 brings no mail, but takes closed pouch from Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Roberts of Wichita Falls, have been visiting the family of J. E. Boyd.

The Majestic will present "Chas. Chaplin every Wednesday night for the next few weeks.

B. C. Trussell of Cleburne, has been visiting the family of his father, H. H. Trussell.

Manager Dodson of the Decatur Light Co., was in Chico on business Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Boyd of Princeton, have been visiting relatives here this week.

Pipe work of all kinds, and windmill repairing, at reasonable prices. Phone S. W. No. 9. Shelby Fowler. (08)

From the cheapest that is good to the best that is made in spring tailored suits. Willenberg & Hardwick.

All-wool suits that spell quality. Price is right. Let us show you. Willenberg & Hardwick, Tailors.

Tailored suits that fit; at prices that are reasonable, at the Mississippi Store.

Miss Cathrine Maxwell of Greenwood, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. W. S. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dodd and son of Electra, have been visiting the family of J. L. McDaniel.

Stop, Look and Listen! Suits made to order at \$25, \$35 and up to \$75. All work guaranteed. Reiger Bros.

Lee Smith, recently convicted in the district court here on charges of burglary and theft and given four years in the penitentiary, was carried to the state prison Saturday.

The men that wear our tailored clothes are our best advertisers. See them, then come and let us show you through. Willenberg & Hardwick, Tailors.

The Cary well, after three days delay on account of a break-down in the engine, has resumed drilling. The well is down about 300 feet.

Henry Askey has purchased the Donald property in Northwest Decatur, and will build two new residences on the property. One of the houses is nearing completion.

The special session of the grand jury adjourned Saturday after one week's session. Seventeen bills were returned; 15 felonies and 2 misdemeanors.

Tom Laird has installed a meat wagon for Decatur. He is making the north side in the morning and the south side in the afternoon. Read his ad in this issue.

smaller egg. English is some experimental farmer, and for some time has been specializing in poultry. As a result of his experiments among his hens, he has developed the "double-egg" hen, in order to combat the old h. c. o. l. Congratulations, "Red Ace" and may the tribe of your new-style hen increase.

A meeting of the baseball fans and players of the town is called for this, Friday afternoon at six o'clock in the San la Roy. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the organization of a twilight league for Decatur for the coming months of the season. It has been proposed that four teams be organized in the city, and a regular playing schedule adopted, the games to be played at six o'clock, with two or more games a week. There is an abundance of material for the organization of four teams in the city, and this plan would furnish some splendid clean amusement during the spring and summer months. From the four teams a first team could be selected to play surrounding teams. If you want some good baseball in Decatur this season, come to the meeting this evening at six.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two rooms, unfurnished for light housekeeping; no children. Call Ind 'phone 53-3. (09)

ROOMS—One furnished, suitable for two gentlemen; one furnished room suitable for four gentlemen. Rooms and board, \$8.00 per week. Call or see MRS. JAMESON, at New place. Ind. 'phone 147-3. (10)

LOST

WILL the person borrowing my copy of "Frankenstein" please return it to the Messenger office? DICK COLLINS.

LOST—Brown purse containing \$1.50 in change, also memorandum for groceries; between Spencer's shining parlor and Cash Grocery. Return to Spencer's Shining Parlor. (08)

LOST—One ladies' wrist watch, gold bracelet; between J. A. Padgett's residence, Rte. 8, and Decatur. Reasonable reward. Return to E. W. BASS & COMPANY. (08)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Little Brown hen incubator, \$3.50. Inquire at Messenger Office, Decatur. (09)

FOR SALE—Settings of white leghorns, \$1.50.—NELSON ENGLISH, Red Ace Farm. (08)

FOR SALE—Settings of Barred Rocks, \$1.50.—NELSON ENGLISH, Red Ace Farm. (08)

FORD for sale at auction in Decatur on First Monday. 5-passenger car in good condition. TOM LAIRD.

FOR SALE—Fifty-three head high-grade Angora goats, with twenty-five kids thrown in. See LANHAM GENTRY, Decatur, Texas, Rte. 8 (09)

WHITE ROCK eggs for hatching, \$2 for 15. From strong, farm-raised hens selected to lay, and cocks not related.—MRS. L. N. NICHOLS, Decatur, Texas. (08)

FOR SALE—German millet. Speak before it's gone.—CHAS. DAVIS, Decatur, Texas. (10)

FOR RENT—90 acres improved prairie place; nice house, plenty of water, half in grass, black land. C. C. COCANOUGHER.

FOR SALE—100 ewes, 2 registered Shropshire bucks, 85 lambs. These are large wgs; lambs by registered bucks; price \$20; lambs not counted. BOX 293, Decatur.

WANTED

WANTED—To rent a small dwelling with garden patch and chicken pen. M. L. BULLARD. Notify P. L. Jones or John Rector.

Notice by Publication

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded that you cause to be published at least once a week for a period of not less than ten days, in a newspaper of general circulation which has been regularly and continuously published in said Wise county for a period of not less than one year, a copy of the following notice:

The state of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of J. T. Ratliff, deceased. The following application was, on this 5th day of February, 1920, filed in the county court of Wise county, sitting in probate matters:

"Your petitioner, B. M. Ratliff, shows to the court that J. T. Ratliff, testator in the will involved in this proceeding, is dead; that he died on the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1920, near Decatur, in Wise county, Texas.

That the legal residence of said testator at the time of his death was in said Wise county, Texas. That the said testator left at his death an estate of the probably value of \$4,000.00, four thousand dollars, consisting of both real and personal property.

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Doctors advise the use of antiseptics in nostrils to ward off the disease.

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Ask your physician.

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We want you to know the true greatness of Hempel. Stop in and hear one of her exquisite RACREATIONS on the New Edison. Hear it with your eyes closed, for that is the best way to listen to music. Then you will also understand what it is that makes

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LYNCH & ST. CLAIR

"No Trespassing," a comedy in 3 acts, will be presented in the Decatur college chapel on Monday night at 8 o'clock. This is indeed a good performance and is well worth your attention. It is being presented by the Pulladian society for all.

All-wool spring suits, sho-nuf-fit; \$35.00 up; cotton-mixed suits, \$25 up. Willenberg & Hardwick, Tailors. Luther Reed has been visiting his mother in Waco. J. A. Best of Greenwood, was in the city Tuesday on business.

T. F. Milliagn of Fort Worth, was in the city yesterday, and while here, called on the Messenger. Renewing his subscription to the Messenger, he said: "I want to endorse what A. D. Rogers said about the Messenger, that it is the best edited country weekly in Texas."

We have some choice acreage near the Carey, Wise-Comanche-Burk and Hoyt wells. All these wells are drilling and this acreage we offer for sale is a good investment now at the price we ask. Apply to Tom Wilmoth at Chico, Texas, or Gene Mincey, care Messenger, Decatur. (11)

Local News

Miss Bess Coleman is visiting this week friends in Alvarado.

Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery.

Guy Hughes was in Alvarado this week.

Bob Short has moved his family here from Burbank.

Mrs. J. A. Simmons and son are home from Fort Worth.

The famous Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery department.

C. P. Dodson was in Dallas Wednesday.

Geo. Arrington was in Boyd Wednesday.

Mrs. Holly Renshaw is improving from a severe illness.

A. B. Conley, Jr., was here from Lubbock Wednesday.

Mrs. J. N. Hunt is visiting her sister in Wichita Falls.

If you miss it, you'll miss it—"No Trespassing" at D. B. C. Monday.

W. C. and A. C. Van of Parkhurst, are visiting their father, H. C. Van.

Mrs. Louis Stuckey of Cisco, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Ingram.

Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery.

Don't fail to see "No Trespassing" in the Decatur college auditorium Monday night. Adm. 25c.

Beginning March 1, we will close at 4 p. m. CITY NAT'L BANK. FIRST NAT'L BANK.

Mrs. E. O. Brown of Oklahoma City, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Spencer, who has been quite ill, but is improving.

Mrs. Jay Ingram and Miss Lela Mann will present their pupils' recital tonight at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Walter Wood, Archie and Cliff Cates, A. B. Conley, Sam Bellah and W. H. Rice went to Gainesville Wednesday to hear J. W. Bailey speak.

Let us take your order for that new spring suit. Rieger Bros.

Mrs. M. E. Simmons died at her home in Rhome last Sunday. The funeral services were held Tuesday. Mrs. Simmons leaves a husband and several children.

Luther Benton was here from Rhome yesterday. He reports that farmers are getting to work again since the good weather began. Much spring oats is being sown.

The court of criminal appeals this week affirmed the case of the state vs. Arthur Klepper, who was convicted in the district court here on a charge of seduction and given 5 years in the pen.

Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery.

T. J. McMurray returned yesterday from a Fort Worth sanitarium, where he has been undergoing treatment for some weeks. His condition is greatly improved, and his many friends welcome him home.

The high school basketball team defeated Bridgeport high Wednesday afternoon 37 to 11. Renshaw starred for Decatur with 12 field goals. Kendrick got 2 field goals and 3 free goals; McKeown 3 field goals.

Suits made to measure. 150 samples to select from. Priced at \$25, \$35 and up to \$75. Reiger Bros.

Uncle Mose Trussell died at his home in Boyd Wednesday. The funeral services and interment were held yesterday. Mr. Trussell was the brother of H. H. Trussell of this city. He was about 80 years of age, and had long been a resident of the Boyd country. Deceased was a highly respected citizen and christian gentleman.

C. R. Brock, A. W. Shipley and Gene Mincey were here Saturday from Chico. Mr. Brock is one of the managers of the Wise-Comanche-Burk Oil Co. of Chico. He was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office. Mr. Brock is a strong believer in Wise county as a coming oil field, stating that this was "the best bet of any wild-cat territory he ever heard of." He is an experienced oil man, having operated in the largest

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is your best food

EAT MORE OF IT

Eat Mother's Bread, made by THE CITY BAKERY

THE DEVIL, A REAL ESTATE MAN

Someone has said the Devil was a modern real estate agent; that he lead the Son of God to the top of a high hill and tried to trade Him a world that He did not own. We have never gone this far, but have sold many homes to Wise county citizens, none of whom have made less than \$25.00 per acre profit. We expect to make even a better showing than this in oil and gas leases. We have large tracts in North Texas and Oklahoma.

Wise Co. Land & Leasing Co.
A. J. OGLE P. L. JONES W. H. STROUD

P. L. Jones left Tuesday for Gainesville to be on hand early at the Bailey speaking. Mr. Jones is an enthusiastic admirer of the former senator, and it is predicted that he will be active in promoting the Bailey cause in this county. Mr. Jones is a good speaker and if called upon can deliver some good stirring addresses for the Gainesville man. Among the others who attended the Gainesville rally were, Dr. A. B. Conley, Cliff and Archie Cates. The greatest picture ever shown in Decatur—"The Right to Happiness" is "Needham" backwards. See "The Right to Happiness."

LANDS and LEASES INSURANCE

We have opened an office on west side of the square, first door south of the Majestic picture show. We do a general land and commission business. If you will list your farms, ranches, oil leases, royalties with us for sixty or ninety days, we will advertise them in the best newspapers in Texas, and sell them. We have buyers for city property, improved and unimproved. We do a general insurance business. —Come in and let it over with us.

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Ind. 104-2

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HIGH SCHOOL DEPT.

Locals

A literary society was organized in the high school auditorium on Feb. 6, 1920. The officers were elected to serve for two months are: Earl McCowen, president; Jewel Le Fors, secretary; Ralph Renshaw, vice-president; Bertha Bastain, assistant secretary. The society will meet again on Feb. 20, 1920.

We have a junk heap, placed in the best position possible to drain on the boys' baseball ground. Of course, this is very sanitary, and causes the boys to feel proud of their playground.

The school during the day is the home of the boys and girls of Decatur and we try to keep the appearance of the school and ground clean and neat.

The boys' basketball team of the high school was defeated by the college team one day last week. The score was 15 to 28.

The Decatur high school girls played a practice game with the college Wednesday afternoon. The college carried off the high score.

The college players were: forwards, Vallie Blankenship and Mildred Witt; centers, Anita Patterson and Merle Witt; guards, Merle Smith and Margaret Sellars.

The high school players were: Beatrice Perkins and Vena Nichols, guards; Alma Schulkey and Thelma Petty, centers; Ruth Stokes and Janie Skaggs, forwards.

Five minutes before time was out, the score was even. The college made two field goals after that, leaving the score nine and five in favor of the college.

The D. H. S. basketball team went to Bridgeport Friday, the 13th, and defeated the Bridgeport team in a snappy game, by a score of 13 to 12, the line up for Decatur was:

Forwards Center Guards
Renshaw McCowen Shoemaker
Kendrick Boyd

The Bridgeport boys put up a "game" fight, but, Decatur had to lie up her record, and of course, this meant victory for D. H. S. Decatur did especially good playing in the last five minutes, of the first half, and also came to the front during the last half, shooting three field goals in rapid succession, each time almost before their opponents knew what was happening.

The girls' senior team went to Bridgeport Friday afternoon to lay ball, this being their first match game of the season. The following girls played the first half: Beatrice Perkins, Vena Nichols, guards; Bertha Bastain and Ruth Stokes, centers; Janey Skaggs and Thelma Petty, forwards. Last half the same guards Margaret McMillian, Thelma Petty, centers; Janey Skaggs and Ruth Stokes, forwards. The game was played in the best of spirits. The forwards though not very tall, knew what to do when they got the ball. The guards fought to a finish, never gave in. The centers sure did do some team work to have never played in a match game before. We certainly have a star forward. In spite of all one of Bridgeport's best guards could do, Janey Skaggs put the ball in seven times from the field and one foul. We can say for Bridgeport, they have a splendid team and a good pass, but ours is just a little better. They thought by hurrahing, they would beat us out of victory, but you can't always tell. The first period, the score was two and two. The last half, the score was fifteen to nine in favor of Decatur. On our return, we stopped on Sandy and had a feast. Everyone reports a good time.

A Card of Thanks

We, the students of the Decatur high school, desire to express our appreciation to the kind sympathies of the city, for the beautiful monument recently presented to the school.

The unveiling, which took place a week or so ago, was attended by a man and his wagon and team. Later there was a slight addition to the monument which was originally erected to the sanitary spirit of the school and city as well. The monument is a simple, irregular structure and very durable, composed of trash, tin cans, broken china, old filthy rags, and in short, every conceivable things accustomed to reside in the dumping grounds of the city.

This is contrary to the spirit of the students, who are very indignant. We feel that the city should have enough consideration for the school to prevent such conditions as these.

A Request

This town is so progressive that it hauls off its trash. But where do they haul it to? Why, to the small hollow near the public school. The trash helps to fill up the hollow, but of course, there are no germs in trash

or the wind doesn't blow the dust from it toward the school house. Even if the trash has germs they won't hurt school children.

The pupils of the high school demand that we shall have clean premises and not trash piles within sixty yards of the main building. The health of the school children is threatened and if the town doesn't defend us, we will take the matter in our own hands.

Who is it that lives among us that has no respect for children's lives? It would be an easier death to knock the children in the head than to expose them to the terrible germs of typhoid, influenza and smallpox.

The students call upon the town to look into this matter for the health of its children. We are not knockers, but if it takes knocking to get this dump-pile moved, we've knocked. Hear us please!

The Good Samaritan

Knock! Knock! Knock!

A few minutes of silence follows in which a small dog barks angrily at a boy who seems to be a bit particular about having his trousers torn from him. The dog shows a row of sharp teeth and advances a few feet towards the boy who eyes the picket fence a bit longingly.

A smile of half relief and half amusement crosses his face as the timely arrival of a woman, with her hands wrapped in a clean white apron, sends the dog scurrying around the corner of the house.

"Good evening," said the boy.

"Good evening," replied the woman.

"Er—ah, your dog seems to like me, doesn't he?"

The woman smiles but a look of wonderment crosses her brow and the boy's mouth quivers as a faint odor of freshly baked biscuits and roast beef floats from the kitchen far in the rear of the house.

"I am collecting books for the high school library and I suppose you have read about the campaign we are carrying out?"

The lady's eyes brighten.

"Oh! I see. You are looking for books?"

"Yes, ma'm, books. We need 'em badly and we are leaving it to the town to help us."

"What kind do you want? You know our own library is very small, but I have put a few aside for you."

"We will take any kind but we prefer good books by good authors."

The lady opens the screen door and with a gentle nod invites the youth inside.

A good five minutes pass and during this time, the dog with spirits aroused, peers around the corner of his concealment once or twice.

Presently the door is pushed open and the boy emerges with his arms full of books.

"Well, we certainly thank you and even if you have no children in our school, we'll remember you and your kindness."

"Oh! You're entirely welcome. There is so little that I can do, but any time you need help, just let me know and I'll do everything I can for you."

Suddenly the odor of biscuits grows stronger and with it, there is the smell of something burning.

The lady rushes away from the door, and the boy makes his way up the street, very happy. In his heart, deep down, the single phrase sings itself over and over, "God bless her."

Expressions As Heard By a Bystander at a Basketball Game

The following remarks are some that were overheard by a bystander at two basketball games not long ago.

One girl standing near was heard to remark that, "We didn't wanta plays cows we intended to play girls." Another said very loudly, "Oh, you rail-splitter. Just give a jump and lay the ball in the goal. When was the last time you had a haircut?"

"Atta boy, Ed, play ball."

"How'd'y, powder box, what kind d'ye use?"

"Ow; what d'ye call that?"

"Cut out the rough stuff."

One lady was heard to say, "If that girl doesn't get out from in front of—I'll slap her down. She won't let—? Throw the ball." (She didn't know that one was guarding the other.)

"We'll give you that one, you need it."

"We don't wanta play your married men, we wanta play your boys."

"Curls can't put it in. Ah, I told you he couldn't. He'll put it in for you."

"I'm bettin' on you T."

"Oh! Isn't he handsome, wonder what his name is?"

"I think they came from Kress."

"Hurrah! We beat 'em. Ain't it a grand and glorious feelin'."

Experience of a Book-Collector for the High School Library

Mary and Nancy were two girls appointed to collect books for the high school library. The first house

This Medicine Recommended by a Doctor



DR. J. H. WAGNER

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they came to was Mrs. Cornsilk's home. She came to the door and Mary told her business. Mrs. Cornsilk told her she had a book by Emerson and one by Browning that she would be glad to give if they could be of any use. After Mary had received the books and thanked Mrs. Cornsilk, and they went to the next house.

Mrs. Mounts came to the door and invited her into the living-room. Nancy told her what she wanted. Mrs. Mounts informed Nancy that she had no books but what she wanted and that she didn't buy her books to give away. Nancy then told Mrs. Mounts that the books were not wanted unless they could be given willingly. While they were talking Nancy glanced at the bookcase and she didn't have a book by one of the universal

poets or writers. They were all degrading novels. Nancy then bade Mrs. Mounts good day and went to the next house, to find that all the women were not like Mrs. Mounts, but most of them were glad to give books. Many who did not have books gave money.

After they had finished the residence part of the town, they took the business part. The first store they came to, the man gave them money, the next one promised money or books. Nancy went into one store and told the man what the books were wanted for and that they were needed badly. He then told Nancy that he had given one book to that high school library two years ago, and that his boy never did get to use a one from the library, and that he would not give another book. Nan-

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cy then told him perhaps his boy was not far enough advanced to have the privilege of using the library books, and that he could use them just as soon as he was able to read. The man then told her he would wait until his boy could use the books before he gave them. With that, Nancy left him and finished collecting.

DEATH OF MRS. BIGGERS

Mrs. Dicey Biggers passed Monday night after almost weeks of helplessness following stroke of paralysis. For the last eight days she was unable to eat drink, so that her death came as a relief to her and to her family who were helpless to help her. Sunset

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